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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to certain surplus heavy  
6 equipment of the United States  
7 Government.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS after many long, trying years a peace settlement has recently  
10 been finalized among the opposing forces in Vietnam; and

11 WHEREAS there is in Vietnam millions of dollars worth of heavy equipment  
12 that has been financed by American taxpayers over the years; and

13 WHEREAS the rural areas of Alaska have a desperate need for airstrips,  
14 roads, utilities, communication systems, recreation and health facilities  
15 in order to provide our rural Alaskans with a modicum of modern civilization;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS the cost to the State of Alaska to fund the vast amounts of  
18 equipment that would be needed to construct the many needed projects in  
19 Alaska is prohibitive; and

20 WHEREAS the United States Government has agreed to aid both South and  
21 North Vietnam through the furnishing of equipment and money; and

22 WHEREAS if only some of the great quantities of equipment that have  
23 heretofore been utilized in the war effort could be put to use aiding those  
24 American citizens, including those of Alaska, who otherwise could not begin  
25 to undertake the construction of various needed facilities it would enable  
26 projects to be undertaken now that otherwise will be delayed for years to  
27 come; and

28 WHEREAS if such equipment were made available to the citizens of Alaska,  
29 our chronic unemployment ratio might also be drastically reduced;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it respectfully requests  
2 the United States Government to return to the United States, and specifically  
3 to Alaska, a reasonable amount of the heavy equipment now in Vietnam, said  
4 equipment to be utilized in the construction of various public projects in  
5 our rural areas thereby benefiting all Alaskans and other Americans as well.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
7 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Elliott L. Richardson,  
8 Secretary, Department of Defense; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
9 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in  
10 Congress.

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